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TAGS: EMIN, RP

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE FOR TACOMA SMELTER

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARRERA OF DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING COMPANY (ASARCO) SMELTER IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON. BECAUSE OF IMPURITIES IN LEPANTO COPPER ORE, LEPANTO IS DEPENDENT ON ASARCO SMELTER FOR REFINING OF ITS ORE. ASARCO SMELTER IS APPARENTLY LIKELY TO BE CLOSED BECAUSE OF POLLUTION.

2. BARRERA POINTED OUT IMPACT WHICH CLOSING OF SMELTER WILL HAVE ON PHILIPPINE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PICTURE IN VIEW OF MAGNITUDE OF LAPANTO COPPER PRODUCTION. HE ASKED THAT DEPARTMENT OF STATE DO WHATEVER IT APPROPRIATELY CAN TO ENSURE THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS FOREIGN POLICY ASPECT IS FACTORED INTO DECISIONS REGARDING SMELTER'S FUTURE. EMBOFFS SAID THEY COULD OFFER NO ASSURANCES THAT SUCH CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS. PHILIPPINES IS NOT ONLY COUNTRY AFFECTED (EMBOFFS MENTIONED PERU SPECIFICALLY), AND PROSPECTS DID NOT APPEAR TO BE BRIGHT. HOWEVER, THEY UNDERTOOK TO BRING BARRERA'S CONCERN TO ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF STATUS
OF TACOME SMELTER SO THAT IT MAY INFORM BARRERA
ACCORDINGLY.
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